THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) and (b) Government of Madhya Pradesh have requested for allocation of gas for cracking and downstream industries. M/s. Gas Authority of India Limited have submitted proposal for the setting up of LPG-cum-Propane recovery project at Bijaipur in Madhya Pradesh. No final decision has yet been taken on these proposals.

Rise in Prices of Decontrolled Medicines

3035. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 40 answered on 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies have started increasing the prices of price decontrolled medicines after the announcement of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price increase is between 40 per cent to 75 per cent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the prices of price decontrolled medicines; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the products and what is the justification for price increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K. JAICHANDRA SINGH). (a) and (b) Prices of some non-scheduled formulations have gone up.

(c) and (d) Monitoring of prices of decontrolled drugs is done on a selective basis.

Exclusion of Drugs from Price Control

3036 DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have excluded more than 60 per cent of the drugs from price control on the ground that the production of the same has declined and shortages have occured due to price control, and

(b) if so, what are the names of those bulk drugs the production of which has declined or shortages have occured during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) To the extent information is available, the required details in respect of some of the bulk drugs are given below:

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the Drug	Unit	Production		
		1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Streptomycin	Tons	1131·97	1116 54	894 52
Gentamycin	Kgs.	206 26	173·20	55 27
Vitamin C	Tons	1069·37	916 77	833 61
Di-ethyl Carbamazine Citrate	Tons	85 36	70 23	57 54
Tetanus Antitoxin	Mu	71·58	53 89	47·92
Deptheria Anti-toxin	Mu	6 76	11·45	7 49
PA S nd its Salts	Tons	173·59	95 26	85·58